

THE COURTS.

CONTESTING THREE ALDERMEN'S ELECTION.

Judge Van Brunt yesterday dismissed the action brought by Thomas Crimmins and others to test the validity of the election of Aldermen Perley, Carroll and Kiernan. The question raised was as to the constitutionality of the so-called "minority system" under which the defendants were declared elected. It was admitted by the plaintiffs that they received only 1,600 out of 10,000 votes cast in the district, but it was claimed by their counsel that the law was unconstitutional which prevented a voter from casting his ballot for more than three out of four nominees. In having the dismissal of the complaint, Assistant Corporation Counsel D. J. Dean said that no proof could be given that voters were restricted as each had the right to vote for all the candidates. Mr. Van Brunt said that the election of a candidate depended on the question whether he received the majority of the votes cast. There was no doubt the defendants received such a majority of votes as to entitle them to election. Mr. Kiernan said that could not be raised in this trial. When that question arose the courts might or might not decide it to be constitutional. Ex-Judge Duffin, Jr., of counsel for the city, said it was up to the court to decide whether the election of Alderman was an election on its own, but he thought that the Legislature had the sole discretion in fixing the manner of choosing such officers. A stay of thirty days for appeal was granted.

TLL NOTES.

The Grand jury yesterday had before them the complaint made by ex-Clerk Gambleton against Hubert P. Thompson, Thomas Costigan, Edward A. Clarkson and William Cannon, of burglar, intent to commit a larceny. The parties have the government's case dismissed. Wm. N. Crane, foreman, April 25, 1879.

The commissioners appointed by the Supreme Court in Kings County to change the route of the New York and Brighton Beach Railroad have presented their report, making the eastern terminus at the west end of the Canoe Island Causeway, and providing that the road shall cross all other railroad tracks by means of bridges.

In the trial of the Brooklyn City Works Commissioners yesterday, Commissioner Flaherty testified that when he signed the pay-roll he had no idea that an unnecessary number of men were employed. He denied that there was any conspiracy to defraud the city. The Board decided, at his suggestion, not to assess the employees for political purposes.

Counsel in the Building Department inquiry went before Judge Barrett, in Chambers, yesterday morning for his ruling on questions reserved in the examination of Superintendent Butler. The Judge said that the inquiry must be limited to what occurred after Mr. Dudley's appointment as Superintendent. After some testimony by Mr. Dudley, his examination was closed and the hearing of other witnesses was postponed until next week.

COURT OF APPEALS.

ALBANY, April 25.—In the Court of Appeals, Trial, April 12, between the Hon. Samuel L. Chapman, Jr., and others—the following order was handed down:

It is hereby ordered that this court will hear and determine the cause of appeal, April 27, at noon, in the old Capitol in the city of Albany, when the cause of the present calendar will be proceeded with.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bills or parts of bills.

W. J. TWINING,
Major General, U. S. A.,
Enginner Commander D. C.

OFFICE INDIAN AFFAIRS,
65 Broad St., Worcester,
Mass., April 25, 1879.

SEALED PROPOSALS for repairing pavements in the cities of Washington and Georgetown, D. C., April 23, 1879.

BY DIRECTIVE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, dated the 12th ultimo, 1879, M. SATOHIO, May 1, 1879, for the repair of pavements upon streets and avenues in the cities of Washington and Georgetown.

For further details, proposals and specifications may be obtained at the office of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia, 12th and G Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C., and opened immediately thereafter.

(Signed) THE LINCOLN CASE,
Col. Corps of Engineers.

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